

Republicans Closing Ranks On Article X

Eight More Senators Join Combination That Demands Lodge Reservation Without Changes

30 Now "Standpatters"

Hope of Compromise Recedes and a Protracted Struggle Is Looked For

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Republicans of the Senate were stiffened today in opposition to any substantial modification of the original Lodge reservation to Article X, as the result of the action of twenty-eight Democratic Senators who yesterday signed a statement that they would vote for modifications that had been rejected previously by the Republicans.

Republican Senators predicted that the Democratic overtures will not find response among the Republicans. Senator Lodge, to whom Senator Hitchcock submitted the Democratic proposition, showed it to his Republican colleagues today, but there was no disposition apparent to support either of the reservations brought forward by the Democrats.

Eight additional "middle-ground" Republican Senators to-day lined up with Senators Wadsworth, Calder, Ball, Dillingham, Frelinghuysen and Sutherland in opposition to any change in the Lodge reservation to Article X. The new Senators who are holding out against material concessions to the Democrats are New, Watson, Capper, Curtis, Cummins, Kenyon, Spencer and Harding.

Thirty Senators Back Lodge
With these fourteen "middle ground" Republicans strongly opposed to the Democratic proposals or any other modification of Article X, the number of Senators who would vote against ratification on any other basis than the Lodge reservation is increased to thirty, including the sixteen "irreconcilables."

Senator Hitchcock did not make any effort today to obtain the signatures of any more Democratic Senators to the written plea of the Democrats to support either the bipartisan conference or the Taft reservation on Article X.

"I offered it to Senator Lodge simply as a suggestion on which the Democrats thought ratification might be procured," said Senator Hitchcock. He said he did not expect Senator Lodge to make any formal reply to him as to the attitude of the Republicans toward the overtures.

The treaty will be called up for consideration in the Senate on Monday with the Republicans and Democrats far apart on Article X. Ratification depends upon an agreement of both sides to a reservation to that part of the treaty.

Protracted Fight Looked For
Discussion of Article X will be left until last, according to the tentative program. In the mean time the bipartisan conference agreement on the other reservations will be considered. Senator Lodge will sponsor the modification of Article X. He has indicated that he will support it on the basis of his original reservations that were agreed upon in the bipartisan conferences. A long battle is then looked for that will delay ratification several weeks.

"There will be a long period of debate," said Senator Hitchcock today. "The present situation in the Senate will delay ratification."

Senator McNary, of Oregon, leader of the "mild reservationists" among the Republicans, said the "mild" group will not support the Democratic proposals unless all other efforts fail.

"We have agreed to vote for the modified reservation which we drafted," said Senator McNary. "It will be introduced on Monday."

The modified reservation he referred to specified that the United States assumes no obligation to use its military or naval forces, the economic boycott "for any other means" to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of other nations.

"The phrase 'or any other means' is extremely important," Senator McNary said. "The Democrats are fighting all reservations that would preclude the use of any power of the United States government without the approval of Congress."

Norwegian Cabinet Votes To Join League of Nations

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Feb. 14.—The Cabinet decided today to ask the consent of Parliament for Norwegian participation in the league of nations. It was stated that while objections might be raised against the statutes of the league, which do not abolish war and thereby make it possible for Norway to be drawn into a war, the Cabinet believed it to be Norway's duty to join the league, despite the present attitude of the United States.

The Cabinet expressed the hope that future amendments to the league covenant would make possible the settlement of international differences without the necessity of war.

Holland Wants to Enter League on Footing With U. S.
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trance into the league of nations when discussion of the question was opened in the Parliament this afternoon. The Speaker proposed a tentative reservation to the effect that if any other nation entered the league under more favorable circumstances (such as the United States) Holland should enjoy the same privileges.

The subject will come up again next Tuesday for further discussion.

Denies Swiss Case Precedent for U. S.

Balfour Says League Merely Recognized Century-Old Right to Neutrality

By Arthur S. Draper

From The Tribune's European Bureau.
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LONDON, Feb. 14.—Arthur J. Balfour, Lord President of the Council, discussing the decision of the league of nations to admit Switzerland, said to the correspondent to-day:

"This action of the league council is not the admission of Switzerland with reservations, and therefore constitutes no precedent on which the United States could seek entrance with reservations. Although it is not generally understood, the covenant does not provide for the forced entrance into war by members of the league. We are not trying to end war by making war. What we are counting on more is combined economic and moral pressure. However, if the league of nations council advocated war, I should think that in such case the United States would cooperate militarily."

"All the signers of the peace treaty have recognized the unique position of Switzerland and her right to military neutrality founded on century-old tradition."

Mr. Balfour again took opportunity, which he has not missed in the last three days, to express regret that the United States had not been represented thus far in the work of the council. He emphasized that it was the desire of all members that America join quickly. Although indicating a willingness to accept the United States as a member with reservations, Mr. Balfour said he hoped those reservations would not be so drastic as to ruin the efficiency of the league.

"The United States is a great nation and has many imitators," he said. "If she enters the league of nations with reservations, then other countries at the end of their two years' membership will withdraw and demand readmission with the same sort of reservations. Thus the league of nations will be ruined."

Mr. Balfour said he was greatly pleased with the work done at the conference.

Two Ships Stranded With Odessa Refugees

Several on Russian Vessels Perish; Those on U. S. Steamer Safe

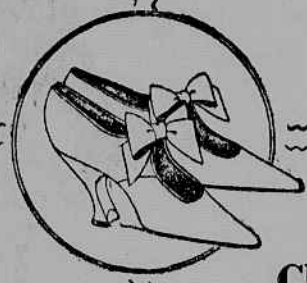
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 14.—The Russian steamers Resosa and Otchakofsky, carrying refugees from Odessa following capture of that city by the Bolsheviks, stranded near the Killia lifesaving station at the Black Sea entrance to the Bosphorus on February 11. The refugee steamer Gregorieff previously ran aground at the same place.

Lifesavers rescued all on board the Gregorieff, but nine persons were lost

while being taken from the Otchakofsky. All were saved from the Resosa, whose passengers included the Russian commander in chief, General Fisher, his family, and eighty-seven other Odessa refugees, some of the latter being army officers.

The refugees suffered terribly. Some of them died after rescue, as the vessels stranded on a barren coast where neither food nor medicine was available. Relief supplies have been sent overland from Constantinople, vessels being unable to approach the dangerous coast.

The American steamship Navajo has arrived safely with 800 refugees at Frot Island, where the American Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. workers were ready with stoves, blankets and medicines. Half of the refugees entrusted to the Americans were sick or wounded.



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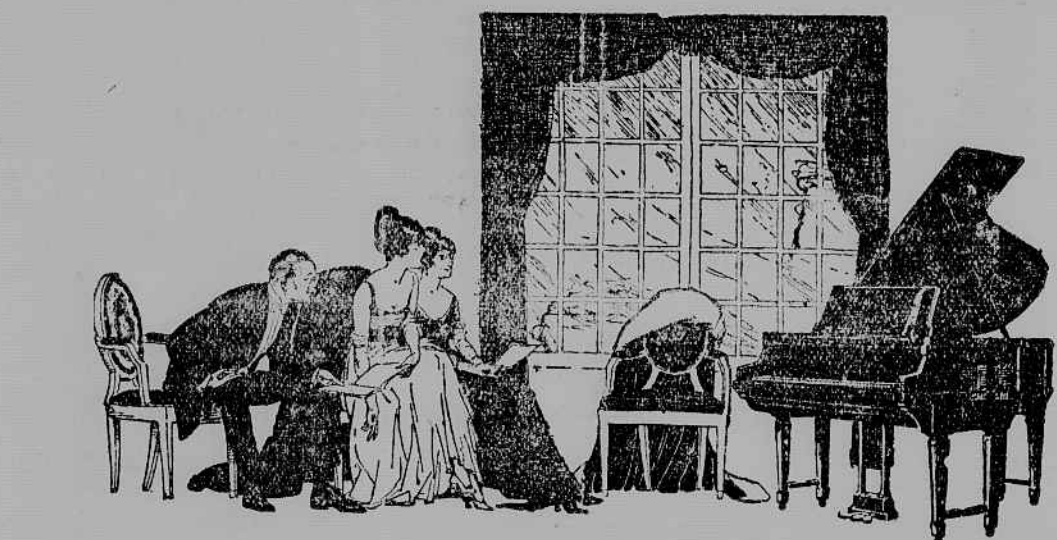
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